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REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE STRENGTHENING OF INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

Letter dated 29 August 1991 from the Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit the text, in English and French, of a declaration of the European Community and its member States on the Baltic States issued at Brussels on 27 August 1991 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you could arrange for the present letter and its annex to be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under item 68 of the provisional agenda.

(Signed) Robert J. VAN SCHAIK
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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ANNEX

Declaration on the Baltic States issued on 27 August 1991
by the European Community

The Community and its member States warmly welcome the restoration of the sovereignty and independence of the Baltic States, which they lost in 1940. They have consistently regarded the democratically elected parliaments and Governments of these States as the legitimate representatives of the Baltic peoples. They call for open and constructive negotiations between the Baltic States and the Soviet Union to settle outstanding issues between them.

It is now time, after more than 50 years, that these States resume their rightful place among the nations of Europe. Therefore, the Community and its member States confirm their decision to establish diplomatic relations with the Baltic States without delay. Implementing measures will be taken by member States individually.

The Community and its member States look forward to the early membership and participation of the Baltic States in all relevant international organizations, such as the United Nations, the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe and the Council of Europe.

The Community and its member States underline their commitment to support the Baltic States in their economic and political development. The Commission will explore all avenues for economic cooperation between the Community and the Baltic States and will put forward early proposals to that effect.

The Community and its member States extend a cordial invitation to the Foreign Ministers of the Baltic States to attend their next meeting in early September.

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ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBERS TO THE
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Letter dated 3 September 1991 from the Permanent Representatives of France and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions from our Governments, we have the honour to transmit to you applications from Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania for membership in the United Nations (see annexes I-III).

Those three States intend to undertake intensive consultations with a view to being admitted to the United Nations at an early date, so as to be able to participate in the work of the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session.

We should be grateful if you would have the three applications for membership and this letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under item 20 of the provisional agenda, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Jean-Bernard MERIMEE
Permanent Representative of France

(Signed) Sir David HANNAY
Permanent Representative of the
United Kingdom of Great Britain
and Northern Ireland

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ANNEX I

Letter dated 30 August 1991 from the Chairman of the Supreme Council of the Republic of Estonia addressed to the Secretary-General

On behalf of the Republic of Estonia and in my capacity as Chairman of the Supreme Council, I have the honour to inform you that the Republic of Estonia herewith applies for membership in the United Nations.

I would be grateful if you would place the present application before the Security Council at the earliest opportunity.

A declaration made in pursuance of rule 134 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly and rule 58 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Security Council is set out hereunder.

Declaration

In connection with the application of the Republic of Estonia for membership in the United Nations, I have the honour, on behalf of the Republic of Estonia and in my capacity as Chairman of the Supreme Council, to declare that the Republic of Estonia accepts the obligations contained in the Charter of the United Nations and solemnly undertakes to fulfil them.

(Signed) Arnold RÜÜTEL
Chairman of the Supreme Council
Republic of Estonia

ANNEX II

Letter dated 30 August 1991 from the Vice-Chairman of the Supreme Council of the Republic of Latvia addressed to the Secretary-General

The Republic of Latvia, having enjoyed statehood and participated as a full-fledged member in the activities of international organizations until the Second World War, and taking into consideration the declarations of 4 May 1990 and 21 August 1991 by the Supreme Council of the Republic of Latvia, which restored the sovereign power of the State of Latvia, which was abolished by foreign forces in 1940, is now once again an independent State.

The Republic of Latvia is fully executing government control in all its territory and is pursuing peaceful policies in accordance with the principles and purposes of the United Nations.

Permit me, in accordance with the 4 May 1990, and 21 August 1991 declarations of the Supreme Council of the Republic of Latvia, to request the participation of the Republic of Latvia as an equal member of the world community of nations. Please regard the present letter as a formal application for membership by the Republic of Latvia to the United Nations in accordance with Article 4 of the Charter of the United Nations.

Believing that our request will be favourably received, the Republic of Latvia formally assumes the obligations of the Charter of the United Nations, which it is able and willing to carry out.

The Republic of Latvia would be very grateful for debate concerning the present request to be given precedence and for the opportunity for a delegation from the Republic of Latvia to participate in the next session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

(Signed) Dainis ĪVĀNS
Vice-Chairman
Supreme Council
Republic of Latvia

ANNEX III

Letter dated 29 August 1991 from the President of the Supreme Council of the Republic of Lithuania addressed to the Secretary-General

The Republic of Lithuania, having a centuries-long history of statehood, participated in the activities of international organizations until the Second World War as a full-fledged member. The Supreme Council of the Republic of Lithuania, by the declaration of 11 March 1991, restored the execution of sovereign power of the State of Lithuania, abolished by foreign forces in 1940, and is once again an independent State.

The Republic of Lithuania is fully executing governing control over all its territory and is pursuing peaceful policies in accordance with the principles and purposes of the United Nations.

Permit me, in accordance with the 11 February 1991 Declaration of the Supreme Council of the Republic of Lithuania on the Participation of the Republic of Lithuania as an Equal Member of the World Community of Nations, by the present letter to submit a request for the admission of the Republic of Lithuania into the United Nations in accordance with Article 4 of the Charter of the United Nations.

Believing that our request will be favourably received, the Republic of Lithuania formally assumes the obligations of the Charter of the United Nations, which it is able and willing to carry out.

The Republic of Lithuania would be very grateful for debate concerning the present request to be given precedence and for the opportunity for a delegation from the Republic of Lithuania to participate in the next session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

(Signed) Vytautas LANDSBERGIS

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Letter dated 3 September 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Czechoslovakia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to forward herewith the statement dated 30 August 1991 of the Government of the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic on the proclamation of independence of Estonia, Lithuania and Latvia (annex).

I would be most grateful if you would have the text of the present letter and of its annex circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under item 68 of the provisional agenda.

(Signed) Eduard KUKAN
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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ANNEX

Statement issued on 30 August 1991 by the Government of Czechoslovakia

The Government of the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic hereby acknowledges that the nations of Estonia, Lithuania and Latvia have re-established their independence and that Estonia, Lithuania and Latvia have once again gained their places among sovereign States. Thus the injustice committed by their annexation has been rectified.

The Government acknowledges the Governments of Estonia, Lithuania and Latvia resulting from democratic elections constituted by the then de jure Governments of these States; is prepared to develop friendly relations and all-round cooperation with these countries built on mutual respect, reciprocal benefit and according to the standards of international law; expresses the will to proceed to the re-establishment of diplomatic relations with these States; and fully supports the endeavours of Estonia, Lithuania and Latvia towards their involvement with the international community, including the admittance of these States as members of international organizations.

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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION
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COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES

SECURITY COUNCIL
Forty-sixth year

Letter dated 3 September 1991 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i.
of the Permanent Mission of Uruguay to the United Nations
addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith a copy of the statement issued by the Uruguayan Ministry of Foreign Affairs in connection with the situation in Western Sahara.

I should be very grateful if you would have this letter and the attached communiqué circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under item 19 of the provisional agenda, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Pablo SADER
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

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Statement issued on 30 August 1991 by the Uruguayan Ministry of Foreign Affairs

In the light of recent events in Western Sahara, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs reiterates that the Government of the Republic firmly and fully supports the peace plan for the region devised by the Secretary-General of the United Nations and approved by the Security Council.

It joins in the appeal by a number of Governments to all the parties concerned to refrain from any action that might impede implementation of the peace plan, which should culminate in the holding of a referendum on self-determination, under the organization and control of the United Nations.